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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA NOT YET COMMITTED TO PSI ENDORSEMENT

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¶1. On June 1, Post hosted a digital video conference (DVC) between members of the Costa Rica Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and several officials in Washington from the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation as well as a Department of Defense official. The Costa Rican delegation included Jorge Aguilar, Director of the Treaty Department at the MFA, Carlos Cordero, Director for Multilateral Policy at the MFA, and Victor Murillo, Technical Assistant for Multilateral Policy at the MFA. Polish Ambassador, Andres Braiton, formerly a Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) negotiator, also attended the DVC.

¶2. The Washington delegation urged Costa Rica to endorse the PSI's Statement of Interdiction Principles in advance of the PSI Senior Level Political meeting in Poland later this June. Costa Rica's participation in that conference was also urged. Jorge Aguilar, who has an international law background, had several questions about the PSI and what Costa Rica's participation would require. At the end of the conference, the Costa Rican delegation indicated that they would have to consult with Foreign Minister Bruno Stagno before committing in any way to the PSI. Subsequently, Cordero told us that any decision pertaining to the PSI would have to wait until Foreign Minister Stagno returned on June 16 from a trip to Europe.

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